

comments, and we will analyze and incorporate additional comments received during this comment period, as well as those we received during the previous comment period, into new proposed guidance as appropriate.

DATES: We will accept comments on this guidance until October 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments regarding this guidance to the Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Mailstop ARLSQ-420, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Gloman, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 703-358-2171 (see **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 14, 1999 (64 FR 31871), we published a notice of our intent to develop policy or guidance and/or to revise regulations, if necessary, to clarify the role of habitat in endangered species conservation. In that notice, we sought comments relative to the benefits of the designation of critical habitat (beyond that of listing) and what considerations should be included in our prudence determinations. We also requested comments and suggestions relative to how we can effectively streamline the process of determining and designating critical habitat and specifically whether and how our existing regulations might or should be changed to accomplish this. Additionally, we requested comments and suggestions on possible legislative actions that might improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the critical habitat process.

Public Comments Solicited

We reopen the comment period on this notice in order to provide additional time for interested parties to comment on this important issue. We will take into consideration any comments and additional information received and will announce proposed guidance after the close of the public comment period and as promptly as possible after all comments have been reviewed and analyzed. We will make available for your review and comment any guidance, policy, or regulatory changes that are developed.

Authority

The authority for this notice is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Marshall P. Jones,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River Draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service has prepared and released a draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the management, protection, and use of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River in New Jersey. The public is invited to review and comment on the draft plan. For more information about this document, contact Mary Vavra, National Park Service Program Manager by letter or telephone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Vavra, Program Manager, National Park Service, Philadelphia Support Office, 200 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106, (215) 597-9175.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Marie Rust,

Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Mountain Goat Management Within Olympic National Park, Washington

ACTION: Suspension of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the suspension of the environmental impact statement process for mountain goat management within Olympic National Park. In early 1999, the Department of the Interior awarded a contract for a review of existing scientific information

about mountain goats in Olympic National Park. The science review is being conducted by the Conservation Biology Institute of Corvallis, Oregon. A report from this review will be provided to the Secretary and made available to the public in late 1999 or early 2000. Following receipt of this report, the National Park Service will consider any changes or updates needed to the draft EIS, at which point a supplemental draft EIS may be prepared.

DATES: Dates for resumption of the EIS process will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments concerning suspension of the Environmental Impact Statement process should be submitted to: Superintendent, Olympic National Park, 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS on mountain goat management was made available to the public in March 1995 (FR, Vol. 60, No. 62, p. 16647). This science review responds to a Congressional request prompted by concerns from some constituents regarding research associated with this issue. A review of the science is a key element in responding to public questions and concerns, and will further inform the EIS decision process for mountain goat management at Olympic National Park.

Dated: August 16, 1999.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the date of the thirtieth meeting of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission.

Date: The Public meeting will be held on October 21, 1999, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at Cyclorama Auditorium, 125 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

Agenda: Sub-Committee Reports, Update on General Management Plan, Federal Consistency Projects Within the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District,